GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF RAW MATERIALS TO POWERLOOM HANDLOOM WEAVERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations have been received by the Government from the powerloom/handloom weavers from Southern States for supply of raw materials at reasonable prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Southern Indian Mills Association have been representing to the Government to give them incentives to scrap obsolete and unviable spindleage as has been done in many other countries;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES(SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) to (f): The Government has been receiving representations from time to time from various industry associations, including Southern India Mills` Association (SIMA) and associations ofpowerloom/handloom weavers, manufacturers, exporters, etc. regarding their problems including such problems as over capacity, mismatch of demand and supply and high input costs faced by the textile industry.

Government has been examining all these suggestions and addressing problems to take remedial measures, keeping in mind theneed for a harmonious balance between different segments and sectors of the industry need for preparing the industry for global competitiveness. Measures include revision of duties and tariffs, rationalization of procedures revision of duty drawback rates, introduction of programmes and schemes to strengthen the production base, improve competitiveness and modernize the industry.